

June 1, 2025

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)



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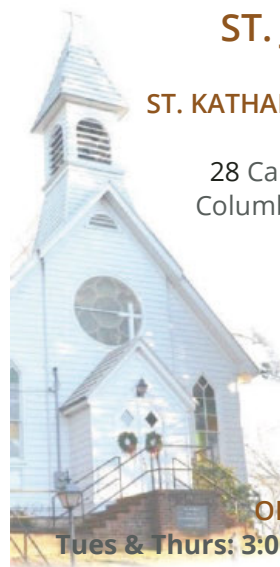
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To expand and strengthen
the Christian Community in
which the Gospel of Jesus
Christ is demonstrated and
fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron
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pilgrimage of faith through
Evangelization,
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WEEKENDS

1st Saturday 10am: SPP

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday - Noon

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

YOUTH MASS

Last Sunday of the Month

CONFESSION

1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

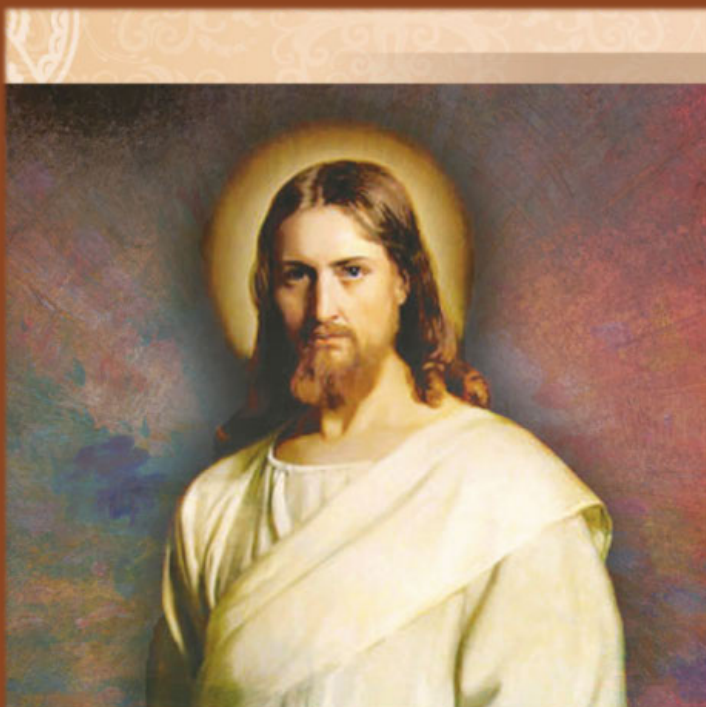
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or Rectory: 434.589.5200

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Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for
them, but also for those who will believe in me through
their word." - Jn 17:20

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ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:20-26

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did? — Father John Muir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2025

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension:
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2025

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;

Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

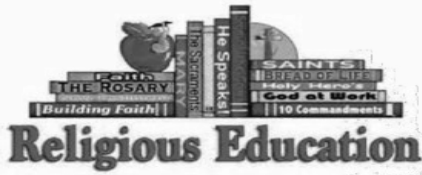
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

A block schedule for those who want a regular weekly adoration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Contact: Denise Minor -
dminor92@gmail.com



FAITH FORMATION



CCD every Sunday at 9:30AM, Sts Peter & Paul. Meet in St. Francis Hall.

CCD every Sunday at 10:30, St. Joseph. Meet in the parish hall.

ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Includes OCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with an interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

**Sunday: 9:30am at Sts Peter & Paul
10:30 at St. Joseph**



Inquiries about the **Sacrament of Baptism**, or any of the Sacraments, should be directed to Celeste at religioused@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

IF PIECES ARE MISSING FROM A JIGSAW PUZZLE, YOU CANNOT SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE. IF KEYS ARE MISSING FROM A PIANO, YOU CANNOT HEAR A WHOLE SONG. WHEN CHRISTIANS DO NOT WORK WELL TOGETHER, THE WORLD CANNOT SEE HOW GREAT AND LOVING GOD IS. JESUS PRAYED THAT ALL OF US WOULD STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER. DO YOUR PART. ENCOURAGE OTHER CHRISTIANS.

PRAYER

God, I want the world to see how good you are. Help me be good and loving to all Christians.

EPIC - ONE DAY EVENT FOR 6-8 GRADERS

What is EPIC?

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for middle school youth (rising grades 6-8). This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: (1) building community & friendships with other Catholic middle school youth, and (2) encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. Keynote sessions will highlight the lives of young saints and emphasize the universal call to holiness – every age, including middle school youth, is called to sainthood! They will also interact with high school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith. Join us, it is going to be EPIC!

Who should attend EPIC?

EPIC is open to all youth who will be enrolled in grades 6-8 during the 2025-2026 academic year. The registration fee for youth participants and adult chaperones is \$55/person.

All applications need to be turned into Celeste Shapiola by July 8.

Where and when is EPIC?

EPIC will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Saint Joseph's Villa in Richmond, Virginia from 11:00am-7:00pm. The address is 8000 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227.

Please contact Celeste, religioused@saintapeterpaul.org, 434-589-5201 for more information or an application.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 31 - JUNE 8

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	5/31	5pm	Tom Hicks	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	6/1	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/1	11am	Jim Cullinan	D	Angela and Bob Maher
Tuesday	6/3	12Noon	Mary Ann Barcia	D	Jim & Claire Kraemer
Wednesday	6/4	9am	Mary Ann Barcia	D	Rosary Group
Thursday	6/5	9am	Peter Alonso	D	Lyttle Family
Friday	6/6	9am	Linda Zink	I	Don & Eileen Tyler
1st Saturday	6/7	10am	Remington Ray Morris	D	Morris & Arroyo Families
Saturday-Pentecost	6/7	5pm	Zbigniew Witkowski	D	Graznya & Slawek Witkowski
Sunday-Pentecost	6/8	9am*	Mary and William McFarland	D	
Sunday-Pentecost	6/8	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .

Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin & Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving, or to remember deceased loved ones.

Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, and/or Candles donated for someone you love.

All donations are for one week (Sunday through Saturday).

Altar Flowers \$25 Bread & Wine \$25

Candles \$30 Masses \$10 (per Mass)

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:

FLOWERS

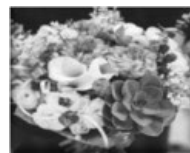
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Douglas, Caron, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, Pat Garner, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlow, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Bob Maher, Jean Main, Zachary W. Mayo II, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Gladys Pfeiffer, Margaret Reilly, Douglas Robinson, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, the Williams and Walter Welham

Please call the office at 434.589.5201 to request homebound or hospital visits.

May Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in the month of May, especially:

Robert & Jessica Powers	2 years
Joe & Linda Kenny	17 years
Joe & Maureen Coleman	51 years
Don & Eileen Tyler	61 years
Bob & Muriel Toepfert	64 years

Please join the **Flower Guild**. Two open spots. Contact the office with questions at 434-589-5201

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count	05/17 & 05/18
Sat. - 122 Sun. - 192	
First Offering	\$ 2,895
E-Giving	\$ 2,167
Total	\$ 5,062
Diocesan Mission	\$377

St. Joseph	05/18
First Offering	\$ 831

Sts. Peter and Paul Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

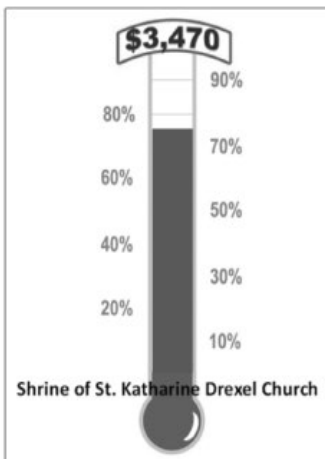
JUNE 7 & 8

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.



Thank you to all who have switched over from FaithDirect to Give Central and also to the "newbies" who have decided to take the plunge to give on-line through Give Central. If you have not signed up, you can visit www.givecentral.org or call the Office and we will help you.

We truly appreciate your commitment to Sts. Peter and Paul.



Saint Joseph's Diocesan Appeal 2025

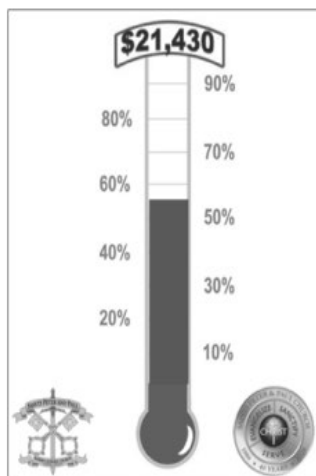
Progress Chart

Total Raised

\$ 2,560 (74%)

of donors: 15

**As of:
5/21/2025**



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Progress Chart

Total Raised

\$ 11,686 (55%)

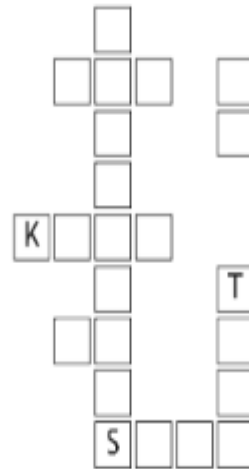
of donors: 51

**As of:
05/21/2025**



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

My followers know that you sent me.



Plan a service project with children from another Christian church in your area. Collect food for a food pantry, or sing songs to the grandmas and grandpas in a nursing home.

Sts Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is **June 7 & 8** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	31-May	Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser	9:00a	Parking Lot
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		1-Jun	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
	Mon	2-Jun	KoC Meeting	6:00p	E/F
	Tues	3-Jun	Mass	12:00p	Church
			Bible Study	6:30p	Commons
			Al-Anon	7:00p	St. Michael's
			Parish Council	7:00p	123
	Wed	4-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Bible Study	4:00p	St. Joseph's
			Scouts	6:30p	E/F
	Thurs	5-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Parish Mission	10:00a	Commons
			KoC Roundtable & Women	6:00p	St. Joseph's
			Cursillo	6:30p	123
	Fri	6-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Parish Mission	10:00a	Commons
			Parish Mission	7:00p	Commons
	Sat	7-Jun	Confessions	9:00a	Church
			1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
			Parish Mission & Lunch	11:00a	Commons
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
	Sun	8-Jun	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Church
Room Ledger:			F - St. Francis (Hall)R - St. Raphael (Church)		
			E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)M - St. Michael (Church)		
			C - Commons (Church)		

Get ready for the Church Yard Sale, June 13 and 14!

Start cleaning out your closets, sheds and garage and bring any items for the sale June 8 through June 11.

We need volunteers to help from June 8th through the 12th to sort and set up and on June 13 and 14 to work the yard sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help to make it a success.

Catholic Q & A

Question:

Why do some people receive Communion in the hand, while others have it put on the tongue? And is one better than the other?

Answer:

Prior to the liturgical reforms that accompanied the Second Vatican Council, it was the universal practice that Catholics would receive communion “on the tongue,” meaning that the one receiving would allow the priest distributing communion to place the consecrated host on their outstretched tongue. At this time, only the priest celebrant (and, on special occasions, priests assisting at the Mass) was allowed to receive the Precious Blood.

Since 1977 (with the approval of the Holy See) the bishops of the United States have officially approved two equally valid options for receiving Holy Communion in Masses celebrated according to the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As the bishops’ statement Norms for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds states:

The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: “When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost” (no. 41).

As we noted, both ways of receiving communion are equally valid in the United States and it is important that we always keep the instructions of the bishops in mind as we reflect on which method we might prefer.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

That the World May Believe

I love today’s Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me.

And you.

And the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it’s true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And he prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say, “God bless,” and think, “That’s a weird necklace, and I don’t believe in God,” but who will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn’t go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can’t explain.

He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

“Those who will believe in me through their word.” That’s me. That’s you. That’s us. We’re the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say, “I believe.”

But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it’s not just the Apostles’ job, and it’s not done. It’s not a book that is closed. It’s a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it’s as much ours as it was theirs: *that the world may believe that you sent me.*

Sts. Peter and Paul

40th Anniversary News



40th Anniversary raffle tickets are selling out quickly. Remaining tickets can be purchased after each Mass, online through GiveCentral, or the Church Office.

Sts. Peter and Paul 40th Anniversary Monogrammed shirts can be ordered through our religious gift store.

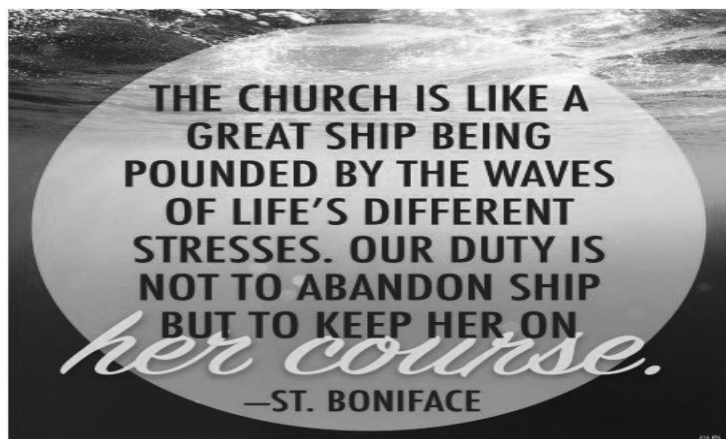
Are you interested in learning how to develop a deeper and more intimate relationship with God? Are you trying to discern what God's plan is for you? Please join us for 3 rewarding sessions as we are guided through the spiritual exercises and practices of St. Ignatius of Loyola with the help of a certified spiritual director and trained Ignatian spiritual guide.

June 5th 10:00-11:00 AM or 7:00-8:00 PM,
June 6th 10:00-11:00 AM or 7:00-8:00 PM,
June 7th 10:00- mass, brunch reception,
closing thoughts

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is a conopaeum veil used to cover?

Answer: The tabernacle.



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HOURS:

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6:00 - 6:45pm

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POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Sts. Peter & Paul will be hosting potluck lunches following the Youth Masses on the last Sunday of the month-- bring a lunch dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.

All parishioners are invited to attend,
especially families, so we can get to know
our fellow parishioners.



Parish Picnic

We need a coordinator for this popular event - involves mostly set-up and clean up. Please reach out to Doug Mullinex to volunteer so we are able to continue these lunches

Prayer After Meals, *Explained*

Just as praying before a meal, praying after a meal is meant to inspire in Christians an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God.

Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, and the Christian poet Prudentius composed hymns for before and after meals (“ante cibum” and “post cibum”).

There are no “official” prayers for after a meal, but the most common one said by Catholics is this: “We give thee thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.” It is a benediction which recalls our perpetual fellowship with the entire Body of Christ, including those who have passed from this life.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUNE 1, 2025**

"You are witnesses of these things. And I am sending the promise of the Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high."

(Luke 24:48-49)

Just as Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to continue His work with the Church. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this journey? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org

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**2ND & Last
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of the month
10:00 am, Commons**

JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

Chuck Palmer

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BIBLE STUDY

**STS PETER AND PAUL
MONDAYS 1:00-2:00
(ON SUMMER BREAK)
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**ST. JOSEPH
TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30**



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Jesús hace oración no solo por sus discípulos, sino por todos nosotros, que a través del tiempo hemos creído por el ejemplo y testimonio de los primeros creyentes. Y lo que él pide es sencillo: que estemos con él y unidos a él. Sin embargo, esta unidad no es mágica; debemos trabajar en ella, con oración, humildad y sencillez de espíritu. Trabajar en ella, significa que necesitamos unidad en la familia, en la comunidad y en los pueblos. “Yo les he dado la Gloria que tú me diste, para que sean uno como nosotros somos uno, yo en ellos y tú en mí. Así alcanzarán la perfección en la unidad, y el mundo conocerá que tú me has enviado y que yo los he amado a ellos como tú me amas a mí” (Juan 17:22-23).

El deseo de Jesús es que estemos unidos a él. Para que así algún día lleguemos a contemplar su gloria. “Abramos nuestro corazón a la acción del Espíritu Santo para caminar juntos hacia el día bendito en que reencontremos nuestra plena comunión. Y cuando la desunión nos haga pesimistas, poco animosos, desconfiados, vayamos todos bajo el manto de la Santa Madre de Dios. Cuando en el alma cristiana hay turbulencias espirituales, solamente bajo el manto de la Santa Madre de Dios encontraremos la paz. Que ella nos ayude en este camino” (Papa Francisco). ¿Cómo es tu unidad familiar? ¿Convives con ellos y les das tiempo de calidad? ¡Espíritu Santo, únenos en el amor y no tardes en llegar!



¡Ha llegado la hora para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV)!

Lugar: Saint Joseph

Fecha y Hora: June 9-14

6:00-8:00

Una Cena Ligera a 6:00 y el programa comienza a 6:30

Preescolar – Grado 5

Este año, en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV), tu hijo está invitado a asistir a **¡Pasaporte a la Paz!** Tu hijo aprenderá que el amor de Dios y el camino de la paz trascienden todas las fronteras y divisiones. Guiados por el Espíritu de Dios, todos podemos participar en la creación de un mundo más pacífico.

Tu hijo hará nuevos amigos, cantará canciones divertidas, verá presentaciones teatrales de las historias de la Biblia, jugará juegos activos, realizará proyectos de arte y exploraciones científicas y se adentrará en la Biblia. Las cinco historias de la Biblia de la semana muestran a los niños que hay muchas oportunidades y formas de vivir como constructores de la paz. *Pasaporte a la Paz* ayudará a los niños a aprender formas de crear paz interior, usar estrategias de pacificación en el hogar, la escuela y la comunidad, y practicar estrategias para la resolución de conflictos.

ÉPICO

EVENTO DE UN DÍA PARA ESTUDIANTES DE 6-8 GRADOS

¿Qué es EPIC?

EPIC es un evento diocesano de un día para jóvenes de secundaria (grados 6-8). Este evento pretende ser un día de alta energía que se centra en dos cosas: (1) construir comunidad y amistades con otros jóvenes católicos de secundaria, y (2) fomentar el celo por nuestra fe católica. A lo largo del día, los jóvenes experimentarán de todo, desde inflables hasta un proyecto de servicio, carreras de relevos hasta Misa. Las sesiones magistrales destacarán la vida de los jóvenes santos y enfatizarán el llamado universal a la santidad: ¡cada edad, incluida la juventud de la escuela media, está llamada a la santidad! También interactuarán con adolescentes de secundaria que asistieron a la Semana del Discipulado en los días previos a EPIC. Al final del día, los jóvenes de secundaria se irán entusiasmados con su comunidad y su fe. Únete a nosotros, ¡va a ser ÉPICO!

¿Quién debería asistir a EPIC?

EPIC está abierto a todos los jóvenes que estarán matriculados en los grados 6-8 durante el año académico 2025-2026. La cuota de inscripción para jóvenes participantes y acompañantes adultos es de 55 \$/persona.

Todas las solicitudes deben convertirse en Celeste Shapiola antes del 8 de julio.

¿Dónde y cuándo es EPIC?

EPIC se llevará a cabo el sábado 9 de agosto de 2025 en Saint Joseph's Villa en Richmond, Virginia, de 11:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. La dirección es 8000 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227.

Póngase en contacto con Celeste, religioused@saintapeterpaul.org, 434-589-5201 para obtener más información o una solicitud.

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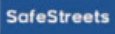


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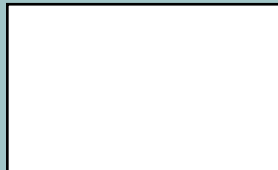
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